

*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"*  
-Gandhi

# VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

## Food Scrap Composting Year-Round Program

Our food scraps mission is to increase the diversion of organic materials from landfill disposal for beneficial uses such as compost. Food scraps will be collected weekly with yard waste.

### Why Recycle Food Scraps?

- **It's easy** - Collect food scraps, empty scraps into 32 gallon container provided by Prairieland and set out container as usual for collection.
- **Reduces garbage** - By collecting everything that can be recycled in curbside containers and adding food scrap to a separate container, our goal is to switch to a smaller garbage can size and save disposal cost rates.
- **Landfill reduction** - Preserves precious landfill space.

### What Happens to my Organics?

Yard waste, manure and other organic materials, such as food waste, are collected curbside and taken to a state licensed compost facility where they are processed into compost and mulches.

Composting organics reduces the amount of material which is landfilled and helps reduce greenhouse gas production.

Compost and mulches are used to rebuild soils, protect topsoil from erosion due to wind and rain, suppress weeds, conserve water and attract earthworms.

The processed compost is used by organic farms, backyard gardeners, landscapers and public agencies. Pick up a **FREE** bag of compost once a year with your service.

### What Can Be Composted:



Pet waste,  
(including kitty litter)



Fruits & Vegetables



Leftovers/kitchen scraps  
(including coffee grounds  
& filters)



Breads, grains,  
pasta, cereal



Meats, poultry, seafood  
(including shells  
and bones)



Dairy and eggs  
(including shells)



Plants & greens  
(including pumpkins)

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** plastic, glass, metal, liquids, grease, oil or cardboard. It is okay to line the kitchen bucket with newspapers or paper bags and to put paper towels in the bucket. **DO NOT** commingle landscape waste with food scraps in the 32-gallon cart.

### TIPS TO Reduce Odors & Pests

- Line container with compostable bags, newspapers or paper bags
- Empty frequently
- Rinse after each use with soap or a vinegar and dish soap solution
- Sprinkle baking soda in bottom of container
- Keep 32-gallon toter lid completely closed
- Regularly rinse out container and toter
- Freeze food waste for convenience
- 1-1/2 gal. under-sink food waste containers are available for purchase. Call our sales office: 847-381-9300

### 1) How to Collect Food Scraps:

Collect food scraps in your kitchen collector. Waste containers are available for purchase, call Prairieland for info.

**Never use plastic bags.  
No biodegradable bags, paper only.**



### 2) Empty Daily

Empty food scraps into your 32-gallon container, lined with a kraft or yard waste bag.



### 3) Set Out

Set your 32-gallon food scrap container at the curb or back door on your regular collection day.



**Thank you to the following organizations  
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**For more information, contact:**



**847-381-9300 or visit [www.prairielanddisposal.com](http://www.prairielanddisposal.com)**

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